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DOCUMENTARY:

Eating disorders to be discussed

The documentary "Dying to be Thin" will be shown and discussed in the Cardinal Room of the Memorial Union Tuesday. The film focuses on eating disorders and their presence within the lives of dancers, fashion models, students and other young women. The film also features people affected by anorexia and bulimia, sharing their personal accounts.

Eating disorder specialists also discuss advances in recovery treatments and diagnosis. The film and discussion begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

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Economy

Agriculture still growing

A successful Iowa economy encourages more investments

By Charles O'Brien
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The agricultural sector of Iowa's economy has been the fastest-growing area since 2002, especially in agricultural production.

David Swenson, an associate scientist in the Department of Economics for the College of Agriculture, published a report on Saturday comparing economic data from 2002 to 2011, with an emphasis on the agricultural sector.

His data in the report is measurable to the gross domestic product. GDP is the value of a country's overall output of goods and services at market prices, excluding net income from abroad.

According to Swenson's report, the agricultural production portion of Iowa's economy has grown 212 percent, and the agriculture-related manufacturing sector has grown 56 percent within that time span.

Iowa's entire economy grew 53 percent from 2002 to 2011.

"We are growing faster than other states," Swenson said. "We have way out-performed the nation in income growth, agriculture-wise."

Swenson's report also showed that even though there had been a significant growth in GDP for agricultural production, the number of workers in that sector saw a decrease of 672 jobs.

Agricultural manufacturing did, however, have an increase of 17,071 jobs from 2002 to 2011.

In 2011, 125,889 of Iowa's 1.97 million jobs were linked to agricultural production, while agriculture-related manufacturing accounted for 78,894 jobs.

From 2002 to 2011, the state of Iowa's employment

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2002

\$16.958 billion total for agricultural production and agriculture-related manufacturing in Iowa

2011

\$33.58 billion total for agricultural production and agriculture-related manufacturing in Iowa

*does not account for inflation

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Entomology

Interactive insect zoo educates all ages

By Miranda Freeman
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Hissing cockroaches, scorpions and tarantulas are just a few of the critters in Ginny Morgal's traveling interactive insect zoo at Iowa State.

Morgal, entomology program assistant and insect zoo coordinator, previously worked as a beekeeper for two years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln before coming to Iowa State in May 2012.

"I was afraid of bugs as a kid until I found out my mom hated them," Morgal said. "I would start carrying [bugs] inside to scare my mom."

The typical place to find Morgal and her insects will be at the insect zoo's programs, at nursing homes and elementary schools.

Programs differ from displays. A program is when Morgal interacts with the people learning about the insects; a display is used to show off the insects.

"We visit the same schools every year. Second grade is the most common for us," Morgal said. "I am wanting to reach out more

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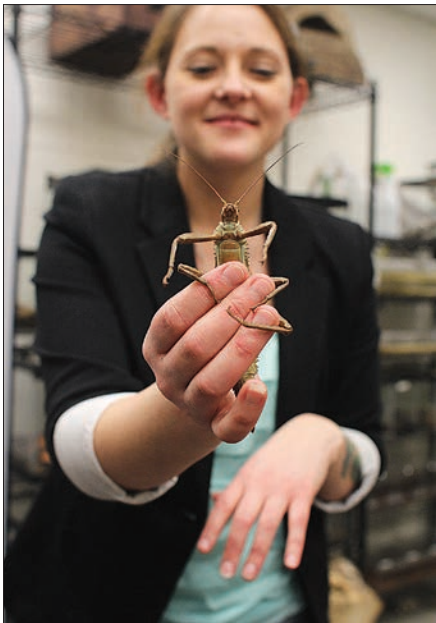


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Ginny Morgal, program assistant for entomology, travels to elementary schools to educate children about insects and their environment. Students can also visit the insects at their home in Science II Hall.

Committee

ISU faculty appointed by Harkin

By Meghan Johnson
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Sen. Tom Harkin has appointed Roberta Johnson, director of Financial Aid at Iowa State, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance (ACSA).

Johnson will serve a four-year term. During the term, she will be a part of an independent committee that

provides advice and counsel on student aid policy to Congress and the Secretary of Education with a specific focus on increased college access for students who come from low and middle-incomes.

Luckily, for Iowa State,



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this doesn't mean Johnson will be leaving her position with the Office of Financial Aid.

Johnson has been working at Iowa State within the Financial Aid department for over 30 years, starting as an entry-level secretary in 1982 and working her way up.

"It is a great honor to be appointed to this committee.

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Health



Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

Researchers say that drinking alcohol with diet soda will cause people to get more intoxicated than by drinking regular soda because when you drink diet mixers, the stomach takes less time to empty.

Common alcohol mix more risky

By Bailly McGrath
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Drinking diet pop rather than regular pop when mixed with alcohol results in higher blood alcohol levels, a recent study shows.

The research done by the Department of Medicine at the University of Adelaide in Australia studied how artificially sweetened versus regular mixers increases the body's gastric emptying and alcohol absorption.

Bryan Graveline, M.D., gastroenterologist at McFarland Clinic, explained why this happens. Food and drink isn't in the rest of our body when it

is in our stomach. It goes through a process first.

"From the stomach, food or drink goes into the next organ, the small intestine, [which is] where nutrients are broken down into molecules. Then, they move across the wall into the bloodstream, and then, it is in our body," Graveline said. "Say you have a drink of alcohol. It goes into your stomach. You're not going to be intoxicated while it is in your stomach. It goes into your small intestine then into your bloodstream and goes to your brain and the rest of the body."

The study showed that regular mixers take

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March 7

Samuel Linde, 21, 3732 Tripp St., was arrested and charged with public intoxication (second offense) at Chamberlain Street and Hayward Avenue (reported at 1:26 a.m.).

Eric Cushing, 19, 407 Welch Ave., was arrested and charged with public intoxication and misuse of a license to acquire alcohol at Knapp Street and Welch Avenue (reported at 1:30 a.m.).

March 8

Cody Miller, 22, 3612 Ontario St., was arrested and charged with public intoxication (second offense) at Hyland Avenue and Sheldon Avenue (reported at 2:00 a.m.).

An individual reported being harassed at the Armory (reported at 3:56 p.m.).

Vehicles driven by **Huanhuan Zhang** and **Julie Every** were involved in a property damage collision at Lincoln Way and Lynn Avenue (reported at 6:42 p.m.).

A 20-year-old male was referred to DOT officials for a .02 civil violation. The following were cited for underage possession of alcohol: **Mitchell Amundson**, 20, 3014 Oakland St.; **Garrett Mleynek**, 18, of Yale; **Josh Hewitt**, 19, 506 Maple Hall; and **Tyler Nelson**, 18, of Panora at Knapp Street and Welch Avenue (reported at 10:20 p.m.).

Jerad Ruble, 20, 4733 Toronto St., Apt. 205, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and underage possession of alcohol at Chamberlain St. and Stanton Ave. (reported at 11:06 p.m.).

Jacob Kuettel, 19, 159 Freeman Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia at Freeman Hall. He was subsequently released on citation (reported at 11:09 p.m.).

March 9

Mallory McLaughlin, 20, 1427 South Grand Ave., Apt. 404, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated at Beach Avenue and Lincoln Way (reported at 12:58 a.m.).

Thomas Bell, 39, of Ogden, was arrested and charged with

operating while intoxicated at Highway 30 and South Dakota Avenue (reported at 1:16 a.m.).

A vehicle that left the scene collided with a parked car at Lot 112. The incident occurred sometime between March 6 and March 7 (reported at 12:55 p.m.).

An individual reported the theft of an iPad at Parks Library (reported at 2:52 p.m.).

March 10

Morgan Carroll, 18, 7269 Willow Hall, was arrested and charged with public intoxication and underage possession of alcohol at Lot 112 (reported at 12:31 a.m.).

Officers assisted a 19-year-old male who had consumed too much alcohol at Friley Hall. The individual was transported by ambulance to Mary Greeley Medical Center for treatment (reported at 1:14 a.m.).

Officers assisted a 19-year-old male who had consumed too much alcohol at Friley Hall (reported at 1:17 a.m.).

Heng Wang, 24, 3709 Tripp St, Apt. 312, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and operating without a valid license at Mortensen Parkway and University Boulevard (reported at 3:03 a.m.).

James Hamera, 18, 4475 Friley Hall, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Friley Hall (reported at 4:49 a.m.).

An individual reported damage to a bathroom door at Larch Hall (reported at 10:38 a.m.).

A vehicle driven by **Erika Wolfe** was involved in a property damage collision at the 1200 block of 6th Street (reported at 6:15 p.m.).

Vehicles driven by **Kaitlyn Gross** and **Shawn Richards** were involved in a property damage collision at Grand Avenue and Lincoln Way (reported at 8:22 p.m.).

An individual reported the theft of various items at Maple-Willow-Larch Commons (reported at 10:26 p.m.).

An individual reported the theft of various items at Lied Recreation Center (reported at 11:33 p.m.).

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to middle school kids in the future as well."

A standard program typically consists of Morgal explaining various biological and ecological concepts, then allowing the viewers and listeners to hold and touch the specimens.

"Can they hurt you? No, they can't," Morgal said. "The same kids that are saying 'Ew, gross' are wanting to touch them later on."

Morgal enjoys helping children to overcome their fear of bugs.

"When parents put their fears of bugs onto their children, they'll say, 'Oh no, don't touch that!'" Morgal said. "But I want them to make their own decisions if they want to be interested in it or be afraid of it."

Drake Falcon, sophomore in insect science, helps Morgal take care of the insect zoo.

"She really enjoys what she does and you can tell she is not just doing it for the paycheck," Falcon said. "She enjoys freaking people out and making people uncomfortable, but not in a bad way, she just wants people



Photo: Suhaib Tawil/Iowa State Daily

Ginny Morgal cares for the insects in her charge at Science II Hall. Visitors of the zoo are encouraged to touch and interact with the insects, which she says cannot hurt anyone.

to have new experiences."

One of Falcon's job requirements includes taking care of the specimens. She specifically cares for the hermit crabs, beetles, giant African millipedes and crayfish.

"I refill their water dish, mix up all their soil, make

their food and feed them and I make sure there aren't any dead ones," Falcon said. "I really enjoy the time I spend with the insects and learning more about them."

As far as being the coordinator for the insect zoo, Morgal has set out a precise

way of doing things.

"I made kind of a plan of what I wanted the kids to get out of the insect zoo, and how to sell it, because we are a business, I have to build us up so they want us," Morgal said.

Morgal advises all skeptics to "Just give it a chance."

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Not only does my appointment bring recognition to Iowa State, it allows me opportunity to provide input on financial aid policies that will affect students across the nation," said Johnson.

Members of the advisory committee are appointed in one of three ways.

Four members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives - two each upon recommendation by the majority and minority leaders.

Four members are appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate - two each upon recommendation by the majority and minority leaders.

The Secretary of Education appoints the last three members to the committee.

According to Title IV of the Higher Education Act, the committee is required to conduct objective, non-partisan and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs.

Harkin recommended Johnson for the position in February and announced her appointment on Wednesday. "Some colleges like my

alma mater, Iowa State University, are investing in earlier and more effective counseling so that families can start planning from the first year of college and know their financing and repayment options," said Harkin in a press release. It is this innovative thinking that is so critical to a national advisory board such as the ACSFA, and it is what will make Roberta Johnson, who has been on the front lines working with students and implementing sound policies, such as valuable resource."

As an advising committee member, Johnson hopes to keep the view on higher education a positive one. "I believe that our greatest national treasure is people. While some argue that higher education is an individual good because the individual who obtains a degree has the potential to earn more over their lifetime, higher education is also a public good in that it supports a more engaged and informed populace," said Johnson. "Research already shows that investing in higher education leads to a higher tax base, more civic engagement, less crime, less unemployment, etc."

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more time to empty the stomach than diet mixers. This causes less intoxication.

"If your stomach doesn't empty quickly ... the stomach has lots of enzymes called alcohol dehydrogenase that turns alcohol into acid acetaldehyde, which doesn't cause any inebriation," Graveline said.

When you are drinking diet mixers, the stomach takes less time to empty.

"The alcohol leaves [the] stomach and goes to small intestine, and it doesn't have time to be broken down, and then, you get the blood alcohol level," Graveline said.

Essentially, if the stomach empties quicker, which the study shows it does with diet mixers, then the alcohol moves into the small intestine, and more alcohol is moved into the blood stream, according to Graveline.

Jason Crimmins, owner of Charlie Yokes, said that more drinks are ordered with regular soda. They offer diet Pepsi and diet Mountain Dew.

"We do get a lot more than you'd think for diet drinks. Basically, we've seen over the last two years a big increase in mixed drinks period, rum and Coke especially," Crimmins said.

Crimmins believes people do not change their pop preferences when using them as a mixer.

"We see more girls than guys ordering diet drinks. I think it's whatever people drink normally," Crimmins said. "A lot more people are drinking diet soda during the day than regular soda. If people drink diet Pepsi during the day, they will with a mixed drink."

Chad Obrecht, senior in agricultural systems technology, was surprised by the study's findings.

"I usually drink regular pop with my mixed drinks," Obrecht said. "That actually surprises me a lot. I never would have thought that diet pop would increase your blood alcohol level."

Crimmins and Obrecht both think students should be aware of this study.

"The consumer doesn't have a way to know their blood alcohol level," Crimmins said. "Without having these tools, then knowing the results of these studies is absolutely beneficial."

Graveline and Crimmins would like to see more studies done on this subject.

"I would like to see the results on vodka with cranberry juice or orange juice, a bloody mary or even energy drinks," Crimmins said. "It poses a good question as far as what the implications are of what to mix your alcohol with."

Calendar

Find out what's going on, and share your event with the rest of campus on our website, at iowastatedaily.com.

Tuesday

Meeting: Faculty Senate
When: 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
What: General faculty members of Iowa State meet to discuss the

shared governance of the University and the administration. The meetings are open to the public.
Where: Great Hall, Memorial Union

Correction:

In Monday's article titled "12 items for 7 days," Kayla Kienzle was mistakenly listed as the author of the story.

The story, which appeared in the Style section, was written by Kaylee DeLacy.

The Daily regrets the error.

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Greg M. Epstein serves as the Humanist Chaplain at Harvard University and is the author of *Good Without God: What a Billion Nonreligious People Do Believe*. He currently serves as vice president of the thirty-six-member corps Harvard Chaplains. In 2005 Epstein received ordination as a Humanist Rabbi from the international Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism, through which he studied in Jerusalem and Michigan for five years. He holds a bachelor's in religion and Chinese, and a master in Judaic Studies from the University of Michigan, and a Masters of Theological Studies from the Harvard Divinity School.

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grew five percent.

"We are losing a little on labor in agriculture production, there are just less farmers, but more land [is] being farmed; technology does this," Swenson said. "The bright spot, though, is the value-added side. We are having a strong gain in agricultural related manufacturing."

Agricultural production includes grain and livestock production while agricultural related manufacturing includes areas such as fertilizer production, meat and food processing, the production of grain bins and tractor manufacturing.

Swenson attributes much of this growth to more acres in Iowa being farmed, higher grain prices, bigger grain yields, more livestock being raised, an in-

crease in demand worldwide and biofuel expansion. According to Swenson, farm income has more than doubled in the last eight years.

Besides farmers, manufacturers and agricultural suppliers have benefited greatly from the growth financially. From these benefits, companies have reinvested into the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State.

John Lawrence, associate dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, stated that agricultural companies like Monsanto, Pioneer and Sukup Manufacturing Co. have been reinvesting in the college.

"As farmers have been willing to reinvest in equipment and new technology, new innovations have been made enabling agriculture companies to reinvest us,"

Lawrence said.

Monsanto has donated money toward the renovation of Curtiss Hall; Pioneer is paying for a new plant breeder for the college and Sukup has donated money for the building of the new agricultural and biosystems engineering complex.

Lawrence pointed out the success of the agricultural sector in the state has led to a higher demand for agriculture students. The demand has increased enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, which broke its enrollment record set in 1977; it expects to break the 4,000-student mark this coming fall.

"The scope of jobs related to agriculture is very large and very important," Swenson said. "Yes there are less farmers, but the total number of jobs linked to agriculture is large."

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Television

C-SPAN features Iowa State class

History lecture recorded for network programming

By Zoe.Woods
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The Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network, or C-SPAN, filmed a lecture presented by Professor Steffen Schmidt on Friday.

C-SPAN was created in 1979 and provides programming on public affairs 24 hours a day to millions of viewers. A camera crew from the network settled in for Schmidt's lecture on the history of political parties and campaign ads.

Throughout the lecture, a few students participated with questions and comments for Schmidt. C-SPAN spent a lot of time in Iowa covering presidential politics and has interviewed Schmidt, a political science professor, for different stories.

"We thought that he was an engaging speaker and that he would be good for the series," Russell Logan, producer at C-SPAN said.

"The series we are filming is called Lectures in History, and professor Schmidt gave his lecture on the history of political parties. This will air as part of our American History TV programming."

Schmidt was excited about the opportunity to share his class with C-SPAN.

"It's a really big honor, because very few professors and very few universities actually are asked if they would be video taped for a whole class," Schmidt said.

This event would be "positive publicity for the LAS college, the political science department and the university as well," Schmidt said.

Schmidt spent more than a week prepar-

Lectures in History series information

- About 135 classes have been taped so far in this lecture series
- 150 will be taped by the end of this semester
- Universities from coast to coast have been covered
- From the University of Washington to Harvard University in Boston
- From the University of Michigan to Florida State University.

ing for C-SPAN to film his lecture. He wanted to make his lecture "really exciting for an audience of maybe millions of C-SPAN viewers."

He said it was "very stressful leading up to the class, given that I wanted everything to be geared to my students, but also that larger audience."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me and the college; it's not going to happen again," Schmidt said

C-SPAN does not have a specific date as to when his lecture will air on their network.

"Once we know a date and time, we will post the information on the Iowa State website and share the details through social media," Angie Hunt, communications specialist for the Iowa State News Service said.

This may not be the last time C-SPAN stops by the university.

"Iowa State has some great history professors, so certainly we would hope to come back to Ames at some point in the future," Logan said.



Photo: Zoe Woods/Iowa State Daily
Professor Steffen Schmidt answers students' questions about political parties toward the end of his lecture. C-SPAN filmed the lecture in the National Swine Research Information Center building on Friday. Schmidt believes the lecture being featured during network programming will provide positive publicity for the political science department, as well as Iowa State.



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EDITORIAL:

Companies offer funding for patents

With the adoption of an added research sponsorship option at Iowa State and the University of Iowa, companies who are partners with those universities will now have the option at the beginning of their partnership to own the rights to inventions or innovations developed as well as the right to sublicense them in exchange for paying the full cost of research and a \$15,000 fee assessed at the beginning of the relationship between the university and a partner corporation.

This option contrasts with past relationships, in which deals were negotiated only after research yielded results, according to the Des Moines Register. Some drawbacks of the older method included uncertainty for the businesses who were partners with Iowa State and the University of Iowa.

Naturally, leaders at Iowa State and the University of Iowa support the additional option.

ISU President Steven Leath said, “We’ve created flexible solutions in Iowa State’s sponsored funding agreements that better meet the needs of our industry partners while also helping to rapidly move our research discoveries to the marketplace.”

These changes, it seems, would crystallize Iowa State’s existence as the research and development division of a major corporation.

Many universities fulfill this role, such as technical institutes and certain public universities. But as a land-grant college, Iowa State’s role in economic development and economic partnerships is more complicated than doing a corporation’s research for a pittance.

Rep. Justin S. Morrill wrote the Land-Grant Colleges — or Morrill — Act for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts. As he said in his speech supporting his bill in 1862, the land-grant colleges would be “accessible to all, but especially the sons of toil,” and would teach “all the needful science for the practical avocations of life,” without ignoring “the higher graces of classical studies nor ... military drill.”

Additionally, the land-grant colleges would be a place “where agriculture, the foundation of all present and future prosperity, may look for troops of earnest friends.”

To the extent that Morrill wanted to develop the United States’ economy through the land-grant colleges, development would occur as the colleges’ students become equipped with the technical and scientific know-how to address the shortcomings of older methods.

Iowa State’s motto is: science with practice. President James H. Hilton, however, stated Iowa State’s motto differently. As quoted in Professor Earle D. Ross’s book, *The Land-Grant Idea* at Iowa State College, Hilton stated Iowa State’s motto thus: “Science with Practice for the Service of Mankind.”

Science is the goal, practice is the means and the service of mankind is the standard by which we measure our success.

Without the latter, we allow ourselves to serve the established elements of industry rather than enabling people of smaller means to achieve greater economic independence — which was the whole object of the land-grant colleges, that every potential administrator at Iowa State touts and professes to love during his or her interviews.

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Piracy



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HBO’s original series *Game of Thrones* is one of the most-pirated television series. On-demand streaming sites are more convenient to viewers who cannot base their schedules around television show times, as opposed to networks, which don’t offer the same amount of flexibility.

HBO blind to fans’ wants

By Hailey Gross
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For a network that produces its own shows and does not make money off of advertisements, this extreme level of piracy can be particularly damaging. The Hollywood Reporter estimates that the production cost for the entire series will hit somewhere between \$50 million and \$60 million. With expenses like that, it seems essential that viewers pay for their privilege.

Inexcusable as piracy may be, fault for this level of theft lies at least indirectly on HBO itself. The shows and movies it provides are only available to a small group of people: cable and satellite subscribers of HBO. *Game of Thrones* is one of the most popular shows on television, but it can’t be accessed through Netflix, Hulu or any other (legal) show-hosting site.

Why does HBO choose to restrict viewers in this way? Maybe they haughtily consider themselves an exclusive service. Maybe they believe that they will make more money if they force people to subscribe to their expensive network. The latter might have been proven true if there weren’t so many illegal conduits for viewership. In any case, HBO is only hurting itself.

Hundreds of fans, completely willing to pay for their beloved show but unwilling to buy a cable or satellite subscription, have cried out for a stand-alone HBO streaming service. Unfortunately, HBO has shied away from this recourse.

In summer 2012, desperate fans even launched takemymoneyhbo.com, starting an avalanche of tweets declaring how much

fans would be willing to pay for a stand-alone service. HBO’s definitive “no” rang harshly in the ears of pleading fans.

HBO seems to be taking the wrong approach to fighting piracy. Ignorant to the fact that their fans want to pay them, HBO denounces and threatens the pirates rather than opening up alternative methods of viewing. Being an avid *Game of Thrones* fan myself, if it weren’t for my family’s HBO subscription, I would be among the thousands of fuming fans.

Game of Thrones is by no means the only pirated television show out there. Hundreds of producers suffer from piracy. I’ve heard many people rationalize their illegal downloads by declaring that the big shots are still loaded. The argument, “They are making money anyway,” shouldn’t justify blatant theft.

However, what many producers and networks need to realize is that not all piracy is committed by selfish, greedy punks who don’t care to support their favorite shows.

Even though internet piracy is never really okay, many people who turn to it do so out of lack of alternative options. If HBO, along with other networks, realized why people pirate, perhaps they would offer different solutions.

In any case, it seems unlikely that HBO will soon change its policies. In the meantime, those of us in need of a *Game of Thrones*, *True Blood*, or *Girls* fix will suffer and grumble. If you fall into this group, consider finding a friend with a subscription to HBO rather than illegally downloading your favorite shows.

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Travel

US offers plenty of opportunities

Ranking among the many causes for excitement this week, with spring break fast approaching, is the deadline to apply for study abroad programs that will take place in the fall 2013 semester.

Indeed, taking a few months to get away from Iowa State and attend a foreign college is one of the more-touted possibilities for the students here. For example, to potential transfer students the admissions office portrays Iowa State as a hub of possibilities that includes study abroad.

Among the “endless” possibilities for composing “the ultimate college adventure” is study abroad in Spain. For potential freshmen, admissions says their adventure could include an experience as an “Intern in Italy.”

Without question, studying abroad opens the eyes of Americans (the most privileged nationality in the history of the world), builds our character as we encounter new cultures and provides us with a background of multiculturalism that we can use to understand cultures different from our own.

I could have studied abroad for my entire undergraduate career. My senior year of high school, I applied to the University of Edinburgh, located in Scotland.



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A few months later, I received a notice that I had been admitted.

For a variety of reasons, first and foremost that of cost, I declined in favor of Iowa State — 12 miles from the home I had known for 14 years, in a state I’d never left for more than two weeks.

I am blessed that I did. Choosing Iowa State, even though at first I looked on my existence here as a temporary one and hated my freshman year, was the best decision I ever made. The Study Abroad Center gives several reasons for studying abroad.

They are: having an adventure, putting some spark in your studies, getting some language skills, impressing your future employer and challenging yourself. However magical a study abroad experience can be, the same results can be obtained from an exploration of the stateside world.

In fact, traipsing around the United States and Iowa (or whatever state you’re from), results in the same appreciation for the

world around us. Taking in the environment of eastern Iowa, with its rolling hills and the bluffs of the Mississippi River or visiting the rustic sites of western Iowa, educates us about our home and ourselves in a way that traveling out of the country cannot.

Anyone who says that Iowa is a boring state with little variety and few objects of interest clearly has not traversed it thoroughly. We don’t need huge metropolises, stunning cityscapes, dazzling entertainment, nor the finest refinement of human civilization. The view from Interstate 80 or Interstate 35 isn’t much, but if you wander around on the state highways and county roads, more intriguing sights will visit your gaze.

I had the good fortune to be reminded of this fact when I drove to and from Sterling, IL., over a break in the same day. You might balk at the prospect of spending eight hours driving in one day, but the scenery along Highway 30 really is beautiful.

Southern Marshall County, with periodic ponds, woods and hills, is a gem. So is crossing the Father of Waters, and the houses at the top of the hill that runs right along the highway as it drives through Morrison, IL.

The Old World might have

centuries of human civilization and decadence in London, Paris and Rome to impress us, but the New World has millions of years of creation to overawe us. All in one country, America has the Everglades, Niagara Falls, the Black Hills, Death Valley, Yosemite, Yellowstone, redwood trees that dwarf all other life forms and hundreds of other natural majesties.

We can learn just as much about, as Henry David Thoreau said, how to “live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms, and, if it proved to be mean, why then to get the whole and genuine meanness of it ... or if it were sublime, to know it by experience.”

The open fields of Iowa look forlorn and ethereal in winter nights, as the moonlight shines upon the snow. To say that we should study the homes of others rather than our own, when our home is so poetic, is to cheat ourselves of having a home at all.

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GYMNASTICS:

Shealy earns Big 12 honors, sets bests

Junior Michelle Shealy was named Big 12 Event Specialist of the Week for her balance beam performance in the previous two meets.

Shealy came in first on beam at both Iowa on Friday and a four-team meet at UCLA on Sunday. She scored 9.875, tying a career high for her routine at both meets.

Shealy also scored a career high 9.900 for her performance on the uneven bars on Sunday. She received the highest event score for any Cyclone this season.

—Maddy Arnold

MEN’S B’BALL:

AP Top 25

1. Gonzaga (54) 30-2
2. Duke (11) 27-4
3. Indiana 26-5
4. Louisville 26-5
5. Georgetown 24-5
6. Michigan 25-6
7. Kansas 26-5
8. Michigan State 24-7
9. Miami (Fla.) 24-6
10. Ohio State 23-7
11. Kansas State 25-6
12. Marquette 23-7
13. Florida 24-6
14. Oklahoma State 23-7
15. New Mexico 26-5
16. Saint Louis 24-6
17. Pittsburgh 24-7
18. Arizona 24-6
19. Syracuse 23-8
20. Memphis 27-4
21. UCLA 23-8
22. Wisconsin 21-10
23. Creighton 27-7
24. Notre Dame 23-8
25. VCU 24-7

WOMEN’S B’BALL:

AP Top 25

1. Baylor (40) 32-1
2. Notre Dame 30-1
3. UConn 29-3
4. Stanford 31-2
5. Duke 30-2
6. California 28-3
7. Kentucky 27-5
8. Penn State 25-5
9. Texas A&M 24-9
10. Tennessee 24-7
11. UCLA 25-7
12. Maryland 24-7
13. North Carolina 28-6
14. Georgia 25-6
15. Delaware 27-3
16. Louisville 24-8
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20. UW-Green Bay 26-2
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SPORTS JARGON:

Moguls

SPORT:

Skiing

DEFINITION:

Bumps or mounds of snow, formed by many successive skiers descending a steep slope.

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Scott Fernandez skied past moguls when flying down the mountains in Spain.

Men’s golf

Fernandez gives up ski poles for golf holes



Photo courtesy of Scott Fernandez
Scott Fernandez’s father was a ski instructor at a resort in Spain and taught him to ski. Fernandez’s mother, who is from a family of golfers, got him involved in golf. He faced the difficult choice of which sport to pursue.

Student made hard decision to develop golf swing instead of skiing

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Most 2-year-olds spend their free time playing with toy cars and dolls. Scott Fernandez was not like most 2-year-olds.

Scanning the ski slopes of the Sierra Nevada Ski Resort in Granada, Spain, it was not uncommon to see school children learning to ski, adults trying out new slopes and one small toddler confidently coasting down small, snowy hills.

This toddler was Scott Fernandez, a boy who was half the size of most people’s skis but significantly more talented than his age suggested.

It all started in southern Spain where his father, Fermin, works as a ski instructor at the resort, the biggest in all of Spain.

“He basically started learning to ski when he was learning to walk,” said Julie Fernandez, Scott’s mother. “He was probably 2 and a half years old when he was up on skis.”

With his father teaching him to ski, his mother — who came from a family of golfers — decided to get young Scott into golf as well.

“My dad is a huge fan of golf, too,” Fernandez said. “He kind of picked my name as well. He said, ‘Oh, Scott Fernandez sounds like a good golf name,’ so he’s pretty happy that I picked up golf.”

Equipped with a Little Tikes plastic golf club set, if Fernandez wasn’t skiing, he could be found outside whacking away at golf balls.

“A lot of people used to tell me when I was a little kid I was just crazy into golf,” Fernandez said. “They would give me a bucket [of golf balls] and I would just hit it and hit it, and they would just keep on bringing buckets and I would never stop.”

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File photo: Huiling Wu/ Iowa State Daily
ISU golfer Scott Fernandez practices for an upcoming match on Sept. 10, 2012 at Cold Water Golf Field. Fernandez chose to continue developing his golf game instead of continuing to ski.

Men’s basketball

Ejim earns Big 12 academic honors

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When Melvin Ejim chose to enroll at Iowa State, basketball heavily influenced his decision.

That mindset has slightly changed for Ejim since his freshman year. While the junior forward continues to be one of the team’s mainstays in the rotation on the court, the accolades stemming from the classroom have become just as numerous.

“As a freshman I came in and I really didn’t care for school much,” Ejim said. “As you grow as a person and as a player, you see how dependent you are on academics.”

When the Big 12 announced its 2013 awards Sunday, Ejim’s name could be found on the All-Big 12 Third Team list after averaging 10.6 points and 9.3 rebounds per game during the regular season.

As it has come to be with Ejim, basketball wasn’t the only reason he made the list. Ejim also took the inaugural award for the Big 12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

“You look at all the different awards that might be the most important,” said ISU coach Fred Hoiberg. “He’s everything that a student-athlete should be. He does great work on the court, obviously. But his work off the court has been every bit as impressive.”

Ejim has a 3.74 GPA while majoring in history in his time at Iowa State and has been named to the Academic All-Big 12 First Team in each of the past two seasons.

“I think over the past several years we’ve been doing really well on the court and off the court,” Ejim said. “The court has been taking up most of the attention,

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File photo: Iowa State Daily
Iowa State’s Melvin Ejim chases after Texas’ Julien Lewis during the 82-62 victory on Jan. 12. Ejim has improved his academic focus since his arrival at Iowa State.

Forward Booker releases apology for obscene gesture

ISU men’s basketball forward Anthony Booker has apologized for an obscene gesture he made toward the crowd after a foul Saturday, was caught by cameras.

“I have personally written President Clements and the West Virginia student body president apologizing for making an obscene gesture towards the West Virginia student section in our basketball game Saturday,” Booker said in a statement released by the team.

“I got caught up in the emotions of a hard-fought game and lost my composure. It was a poor decision on my part and I am sorry for conducting myself in this manner. I ... regret putting our university and basketball program in a poor light.”

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby released his own statement Monday afternoon. The conference considers the matter closed.

“The gesture made by basketball player Anthony Booker during the Iowa State at West Virginia men’s basketball game on Saturday, March 9, violated the Big 12 Conference’s rules regarding sportsmanship and ethical conduct,” Bowlsby said in the statement. “Iowa State University and Mr. Booker have taken expedient and appropriate actions ... the matter is closed.”

Women’s basketball

‘One of those nights’: Cyclones stomped by Bears

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Monday night, Iowa State got its third chance to face the best team in the country, Baylor, in the Big 12 Championship game. And on Monday night, Baylor showed why it was the best.

At halftime, the Lady Bears led the Cyclones 41-13 while holding them to the lowest points ever scored in a half in Big 12 Championship history. Baylor senior Brittney Griner had 23 points, while the Cyclones’ Nikki Moody led her team with seven.

Senior Anna Prins said despite Griner’s aggressiveness, she took something positive away from the loss.

“It’s always a great opportunity to play against Brittney Griner,” Prins said. “Just to see her skillset improve through the last four years; she couldn’t miss tonight. It’s been an honor to play against her and Baylor in general.”

Prins said even though the loss was tough and hard to swallow at that moment, there’s always something to be learned.

Playing in the post position most of the night, Prins got to see Griner’s



Photo: William Deaton/ Iowa State Daily
Iowa State women’s basketball forward Chelsea Poppens attempts to maneuver around Baylor center Brittney Griner in the 75-47 loss against the Lady Bears at the American Airlines Center on Monday night.

action more than any other Cyclone. Rather than being aggravated by getting blocked and having to take tough shots, Prins laughed off some frustration.

“[Griner] was definitely a different kind of presence,” Prins said. “When you know she’s behind you, I guess that’s the fun of the game. To figure out strategy and try to take what she gives you. And a lot of fakes.”

Prins helped her team get back

on track by scoring 20 points overall. She helped keep the score close, in the second half at least.

One shot that could sum up the Cyclones’ evening was one taken by Moody in the first half — it sat on the support beam of the basket for at least three or four seconds before rolling out.

Moody said the shot seemed to just hang there forever.

“It was just devastating to me,”



See gallery:
view photos of Monday night’s game against Baylor at iowastatedaily.com/sports

Moody said. “It just sat there for the longest [time] and then decided to roll out. I was pretty upset about that one.”

ISU coach Bill Fennelly said that was the kind of night his team was having.

“When we’ve got a ball sitting on the rim that won’t go in and they throw one up at the end of the shot clock at the end of the game, that’s the kind of night it was,” Fennelly said.

Throughout the regular season, Fennelly said he was always looking forward to seeing Griner and the Baylor team again. On Monday night, Fennelly wished for a fourth meeting between the two Big 12 opponents; another final shot.

“We wanted to see [Griner] one more time tonight,” Fennelly said. “And I’d like to see her one more time. That’d be in the national championship game.”

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Fernandez's early interest in the two sports quickly became more than something to do — they became an obsession.

“In November through March, only skiing; March through October, only golf,” Fernandez said. “So that was pretty much how I grew up.”

By age 10, Fernandez was one of the best skiers in not only his home country of Spain, but in all of Europe.

“I had a few top-10s at nationals, then fourth in an international race with skiers from all around Europe,” Fernandez said. “I won races down where I live, like in the South area of Spain. I was the champion there for a couple years.”

But his talent was not limited to skiing; he was also winning meets and shooting low scores at the same age. A golf tournament win here, a ski race win there; winning was in Fernandez's blood. But skiing was beginning to wear and tear on his body.

Taking a toll

Before he was even a teenager, he had already broken both of his legs in skiing accidents. He continued to race successfully, but something started to change in the preteen boy.

“I started racing really scared,” Fernandez said. “You have to be crazy, you can't have any fear because as soon as you have fear that's when you start falling over.”

Falling over and getting injured was a small price to pay for most skiers. But Fernandez was not most skiers, he was also a golfer who couldn't compete if he injured himself on the slopes.

“I was starting to get afraid, because golf national championships were close to the skiing [championships] so if I fall over skiing, I won't be able to make it,” Fernandez said.

That all changed one day at the age of 14.

While he was playing a national tournament in Spain, his little sister, Gina, was watching on the sidelines with her baby doll. The girl attracted the eye of a scout from one of Spain's most prestigious national schools, IES Ortega y Gasset, in Madrid.

“That's a pretty doll,” Mrs. Fernandez said, recounting the exchange. “What are you here for?”

Mrs. Fernandez said Gina told the scout that she was watching her brother play before pointing him out.

The scout observed him and immediately liked his swing, even enough to follow him around the rest of the day.

Following the tournament, the scout advised Fernandez to apply to IES Ortega y Gasset when he turned 15. He was told that the school, only accepting six male golfers in Spain, would accept



Photo courtesy of Scott Fernandez
Scott Fernandez relaxes as a child in a golf cart. He developed his golf skills at a young age. Fernandez's decision to stick with golf instead of skiing was a difficult one.

him immediately.

“We joke that Scott may have never gotten in if it were not for that doll,” Mrs. Fernandez said.

For Fernandez, this offer was not an easy one to accept. The same weekend he was asked to go to Madrid to train for golf was the same weekend he was selected as one of two skiers in Spain to race for the national ski team.

“It was a tough decision for me,” Fernandez said. “I really liked both sports. They were pretty much the same value for me for either one. I ended picking the golf meet and I think I made a good choice.”

Chipping away

While attending school in Madrid, Fernandez saw vast improvement in his golf game, launching him into the national spotlight. Before anyone could doubt his decision to drop skiing, he was selected to the Spanish National Team.

Before stepping foot on Iowa State's campus, Scott had won a Junior National Championship and was ranked as the No. 2 golfer under 18 in all of Spain.

“I first learned about him from Borja Virto, who was already on the team here at Iowa State when I arrived,” said ISU coach Andrew Tank. “Looking at his video of his game, it became pretty clear to me that he was definitely somebody we wanted to get on the team.”

It had also become clear to Scott that golfing in America would give him the best opportunity to continue his involvement in the sport.

“I heard everyone — my best friends and mentors — telling me the best place to get better is American college tournaments,” Fernandez said. “I got an opportunity with Iowa State with the coach having a Skype conference with me. We went through the program and I was really excited

Fernandez facts

- Pre-business major
- Was on a club skiing team until he was 13 years old
- Ski champion in Andelucia (southern) Spain most of skiing career
- Made own decision to drop skiing to focus on golf
- Third-place finish at 2009 Turkey Amateur Championship
- One of five golfers selected to Spanish University team
- Helped Spanish team win the World University Championship, fifth individually in the world
- Won Junior National Championship under 21 in 2011
- Finished with eighth-best Iowa State single season score last year
- Currently holds third-best 18-hole round and 54-hole rounds in school history

to try something new.”

Fernandez took a year of online courses in Spain before becoming eligible to play for Iowa State, where he had an immediate impact, taking a medal and winning in only his second tournament.

“I expected him to be a good player, but I was definitely surprised when he won that quickly,” Tank said.

And the low scores never let up. Scott broke the school record for lowest freshman score average last year at 73.18. He was second on the team, only behind the then-senior and multiple-school-record holder, Nate McCoy.

This season, Fernandez leads the team with a stroke average of 71.73, which is on pace for the third-best single-season stroke average in ISU history.

Golfweek.com had Fernandez ranked as high as the No. 8 golfer in the nation early this season and he currently ranks as the No. 24 golfer in the country. Earlier in the season, he missed an ISU tournament to play in the World Amateur Team Championships with Spain, finishing 13th individually.

For most collegiate golfers, this list of accomplishments is more than they could ever hope for. But Fernandez is not most collegiate golfers.

“I think he's going to set a lot of records while he's here,” Tank said. “He's certainly on track to have one of the best careers in Iowa State history when it's all said and done.”

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but we're having great strides in our academic GPAs.”

Even then, the academics have had to go hand-in-hand with basketball. That is one thing ISU freshman forward Georges Niang has learned during his first season.

For Niang, academics are harder than basketball.

“Don't tell Fred that, though,” Niang said with a laugh.

Time in the classroom sometimes comes following a lot of time spent in the sky traveling. After the team plays a weeknight road game, many players return to the classroom the next morning.

“Academics is always tough because you'll have a game on Wednesday and then you'll have a 9 a.m. class on Thursday,” Niang said. “So you'll get in at 2 in the morning, you'll get six hours of sleep and then you have to get right back to class.”

Their coach knows all about that grind. During his time as a player at Iowa State, Hoiberg was a three time, first-team academic all-Big Eight selection and was a first-team academic All-American his senior year.

With Hoiberg at the helm, the Cyclones for the first time in school history reached a 3.0 cumulative GPA as a team in the spring of 2011.

“You have to have the right priorities,” Hoiberg said of doing well in the classroom.

Those priorities are what help get Niang to his morning class on Thursdays, even after arriving home late from a game.

“Of course I [make it],” Niang said. “[It's] theater.”

Career awards: Melvin Ejim

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Charles Lindbergh was named Time magazine's first "Man of the Year" in 1927. But what turned into an annual tradition for the publication actually started as an apology: Time had embarrassingly left Lindbergh off the cover after his landmark solo flight and "Man of the Year" was their apology.

When the elder George Bush was elected president in 1988, he was the first sitting Vice President to be elected President since Martin Van Buren in 1836.

Elmo Wright of the Kansas City Chiefs became the first NFL player to perform an "end zone dance" when he ran in place, pumping his arms and legs, after catching a touchdown pass on November 18th, 1973.

Under federal law, garment tags that contain the use-and-care instructions must last the lifetime of the garment.

Disney once banned its park employees from sporting any facial hair. The only person allowed to wear face fuzz was Walt Disney himself.

David Bowie's left eye was damaged after a fight as a child. It is permanently dilated.

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45 Government official working overseas
46 Inspire, as curiosity
47 Former NBAer Dennis
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50 Surrealist Joan
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Horoscope

Today's Birthday
(03.12.13)
Mars is in Aries now, giving great energy to inward reflective pursuits, like education and learning. Launch your new plan after March 17. A spotlight shines at work; group effort makes gains. Home delights occupy you until summer, when fun calls you out to play. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries
(March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 -- For about six weeks, focus on personal development, as energetic Mars is in your sign. The next few days should be especially active and fun.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 -- The time is ripe to clean house and create new space for opportunities. It'll be easier to throw things away. Clean closets, garages and attics.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)
Today is an 8 -- You have more friends than you realized. Treasure them. With Mars in Aries, help your team find opportunities and advance. Together, it's all possible.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22)
Today is a 7 -- You'll be tested for the next couple of days. There's nothing to fear; your team's hot. Pour energy into your career now. Adapt to any plan changes.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 -- Heed the call of the wild and launch your next adventure. You have a lot to explore. By now you know what you truly want. Go for it.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 -- Handle financial matters today and tomorrow, and make plans for the future. Use your curiosity to create in this regenerative process. Don't let a windfall slip through your fingers. Action is required.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 -- Mars enters Aries: to manage this next phase, delegate more to your team. Accept assistance to be free to grab opportunities. Physical activity is more fun, too. It's a good time to get a message out.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 -- Today and tomorrow, you're in super-

creative work mode. Seek more information, work faster and make more money. There's a dramatic shift in energy. Concentrate on a new assignment. You're hot.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 -- Make long-term plans with someone you love. Provide excellent service. With Mars in Aries, give in to your passion. Success is your reward. Dance.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 -- Your heart is at home. Come up with a plan to fix everything in the house. Emotions could run high. Exert your will power to improve living conditions.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 9 -- You're spurred into action with renewed energy. Learn what you'll need to know to make a desired change. Study the facts to get to the bottom line.

Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8 -- Self-esteem and confidence grows. Make sure you can cover expenses before spending. Devote yourself to a passion. Beauty need not be the most expensive choice.

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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

International customers served

Pammel Grocery known for variety

By Justin.Senecaut
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Twenty-six years ago, a young Ahmad Manci decided to open up a grocery store to serve the international student community.

Manci is originally from Palestine, and in 1978, he attended Iowa State.

He graduated in the spring of 1987 with a degree in transportation and logistics.

A few months later, he opened Pammel Grocery, a store for the international students and community, with the help of the business department in Beardshear Hall.

Pammel Grocery hasn't always been in the same place.

"We were across Frederiksen Court when we first opened up. Then, six years ago, we moved to where we are today," Manci said.

However, they are still serving the international community even more than when they first opened.

As stated on the Pammel Grocery website, they serve many communities, including the Indian, Middle Eastern, Pakistani, Turkish, African, South and Central American and Eastern European communities.

"When we first opened, we were half domestic products and half international product, but today, we are mostly international product with a few domestic products," Manci said.

They don't have everything, though.

"They have most products that I need, but there are a few items that they are missing," said Dhruv Malik, a grad student in business administration and a shopper at Pammel.

Although they don't have everything that everyone would like to have, Manci did mention that if they don't have a product that anybody would like, they will try to get it in upon request.

Last year, Manci purchased Stanhope Meat Locker, and he is now slaughtering beef, lamb and goat.

He is also processing the meat, and customers can bring in their own meat, like deer, and have it processed for them.

"I used to get meat from different lockers, but now, I get my meat for the store and the deli from my own locker," Manci said. The meat that Manci's locker sells gets national awards.

Manci said that the locker was up for sale. So, he called about it, and a month and a half later, after inspections, he reopened Stanhope Meat Locker.

Although this store was made for the international community, it is not limited to international students. Anybody can go to Pammel.

"Pammel is a place of communication and a center for ideas between people," Manci said.

Pammel started in a small store



Photo: Suhaib Tawil/Iowa State Daily

ISU graduate Ahmad Manci looks at the freezer full of fresh meat Monday at his international store, Pammel Grocery. The grocery is known for its supply of food which appeals to members of different communities. Last year, Manci, who is originally from Palestine, purchased Stanhope Meat Locker.



Photo: Suhaib Tawil/Iowa State Daily

Pammel Grocery is not promoted with a large amount of advertising. Instead, the store relies on word-of-mouth marketing to pull in customers. Graduate student Kuntal Barhate heard of the store by this method.



Photo: Suhaib Tawil/Iowa State Daily

The store is filled with food items from many different countries. Products are in stock which appeal to the Indian, Middle Eastern, Pakistani, Turkish, African, South and Central American, and Eastern European communities.

Contact info for Pammel Grocery

Where: 113 Colorado Ave., Suite 133, Ames, IA 50014
Phone: 515-292-9700
Times Open: Grocery: Mon. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun.: 12 - 7 p.m.
Deli: Tues. - Sat.: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., closed Monday and Sunday

Technology

ISU student product appears in Ames bars

Breathalyzers installed as new safety precaution

By Zoe.Woods
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Safe Living is installing their product, Alco-Buddy, in bars around Ames thanks to the idea of an ISU student.

T.J. Elbert, junior in marketing, thought that having breathalyzers in bars would be a smart as well as a monumental idea.

He came up with the idea his freshman year after witnessing his friend, who had a

Locations

- Ames**
- The Bar
 - CharlieYoke's
 - Cafe Mood
 - Cy's Roost
 - The Cave
- Des Moines**
- Lot 33

More information about the product is available on its website called alcobuddy.com.

personal breathalyzer, allow other friends "to see what their blood alcohol level was before

they drove home."

Elbert became motivated to create a product that would be useful to the public, and he decided to put it in places where it would be the most profitable.

Elbert then obtained six patents for his product, but because he had no funds to support his device, he sold four of his patents to an investor from New York.

This partnership started the company Safe Living LLC, under which the product Alco-Buddy is manufactured and sold.

The partnership is split into two areas. Safe Living LLC, the company name, is

owned by T.J. Elbert. The product name Alco-Buddy is owned by the investor from New York.

The product itself "is fun and easy to use," Elbert said.

The machine takes a dollar and then dispenses a straw. The straw then connects to a part on the machine, and the customer blows into the straw for a BAC reading.

With the advice of people here in Ames, T.J. Elbert has decided to try to buy back the other four patents and go into business on his own.

Elbert talked with Dan Culhane, president and chief executive officer of the Ames Chamber of Commerce.

"T.J. called me and shared with me a little bit about his product, and from where I sit, it looks like a great idea," Culhane said.

"We talked about the mere fact this may be a great deterrent to people choosing to leave an establishment in an automobile. Anything you can do to stop people who have had too much to drink from getting behind the wheel of a vehicle is great."

Within the last three months, six machines have gone into six bars. Five of the machines are located in Ames, and the other machine is located in a bar in the Des Moines area.

"People use it more for fun to see if they're drunk," says Taryn Naill of Charlie Yoke's bar.

This reason is what police commander Geoff Huff of the Ames Police Department fears. "I would be concerned, though, that it may encourage people to make a game out of it," he said.

"If people are using the machine responsibly to help them make a good decision, then I'm not opposed to it."

Elbert hopes to reach bars in the University of Northern Iowa and Iowa City areas. He wants to eventually get his product into all bars around Iowa and the Midwest.

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